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SUBJECT: OECD/ NEA AD- HOC GROUP ON MANDATE OF EXPANDED CREST
COMMITTEE

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1. SUMMARY: DRAFT MANDATE OUTLINING SCOPE OF EXPANDED
CREST COMMITTEE (RENAMED COMMITTEE ON THE SAFETY OF NUCLEAR
INSTALLATIONS) WAS DEVELOPED AT AD- HOC WORKING GROUP MEETING APRIL
4-5. DRAFT GOES TO MAY 3 NEA STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING FOR
APPROVAL.
END SUMMARY.

2. GUIDANCE OF STEERING COMMITTEE, VIA PROGRAM AND PRIORITIES
DOCUMENT NE (73) 1, WAS CLOSELY FOLLOWED TO INCLUDE THE ADDITION
OF LICENSING AND REGULATORY QUESTIONS TO NEW COMMITTEE' S
ACTIVITIES. EXTRACT OF MANDATE WORDING READS: " THE COMMITTEE
SHALL CONSTITUTE A FORUM FOR A FREE EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION
BETWEEN LICENSING AUTHORITIES TO THE EXTENT WHICH THEY
CONSIDER APPROPRIATE AND LICENSING AUTHORITIES AND RESEARCH
GROUPS TO CONTRIBUTE FROM THEIR PARTICULAR BACKGROUND TO THE
DEFINITION OF RESEARCH OBJECTIVES AND TO PROVIDE FEED- BACK
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OF RESEARCH EXPERIENCE TO LICENSING AUTHORITIES."

3. AD- HOC GROUP WAS LESS AMBITIOUS IN FOLLOWING STEERING COMMITTEE ADVICE TO " SUGGEST WHAT TYPES OF NUCLEAR INSTALLATIONS AND ASSOCIATED ACTIVITIES SHOULD BE COVERED" IN THIS RESPECT DRAFT MANDATE READS " THE COMMITTEE SHALL REVIEW THE EXISTING STATE OF KNOWLEDGE ON SELECTED TOPICS OF NUCLEAR SAFETY TECHNOLOGY, IDENTIFYING DISCREPANCIES AND GAPS IN KNOWLEDGE AND PROMOTE THE INITIATION AND CO- ORDINATION OF PROGRAMS OF RESEARCH, CONCENTRATING INITIALLY ON POWER REACTORS OF TYPES CURRENTLY BEING BUILT AND OPERATED. " THE COMMITTEE MAY SUBSEQUENTLY FOCUS UPON OTHER TYPES OF NUCLEAR INSTALLATIONS, IN THE LIGHT OF CURRENT NEEDS, AND ANY OTHER MATTERS REFERRED TO IT BY THE STEERING COMMITTEE."

4. THUS, CREST GROUP REAFFIRMED ITS INTENTION TO CONTINUE CONCENTRATION ON POWER REACTOR SAFETY TECHNOLOGY AND DID NOT EXPAND CURRENT WORKLOAD TO INCLUDE OTHER TYPE INSTALLATIONS (E. G., REPROCESSING PLANTS, FUEL FABRICATION PLANTS, ETC.).

5. LASTLY, THE MANDATE PROVIDES FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF " APPROPRIATE COOPERATIVE MECHANISMS WITH THE COMMITTEE ON RADIATION PROTECTION AND PUBLIC HEALTH."

6. COMMENT: INTERFACE WITH PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE MAY PROVE DIFFICULT IN LIGHT OF OVERLAPPING AREAS OF CONCERN AND DIFFERING VIEWS ON PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY (SEE REFTEL).
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